

# Fr. Joseph's Corner

## "Daddy Doesn't Want to Play With Me" (author unknown)

Once there was a little boy who wanted his dad to teach him how to play catch. One sunny day, the little boy's father was sitting on the couch, drinking a beer, while watching a baseball game. The boy rushed into the house exclaiming, "Daddy, Daddy, show me how to play catch!"

The father, staring blankly at the TV screen, replied, "In a little while son. Let me finish watching this inning. Come back in five minutes."

"Okay, Daddy," said the boy, and he ran out of the room.

Five minutes later, the boy returned screaming, "Daddy, let's go! Let's play some catch now!"

The father turned to the boy and said, "Hold on, son. The inning is not quite over. Come back in five more minutes."

"Okay, Daddy," said the boy, as he shuffled out of the room.

Again, another five minutes later, the boy returned—ball and glove in hand—eagerly awaiting for his father to play some catch with him.

"Daddy, let's go! I want to be Ken Griffey, Jr.!" shouted the boy.

By this time, the father had cracked open another cold one and another inning was taking place. Frustrated by the boy's constant interruptions, the dad scanned the room.

While looking around the room, the father noticed a magazine underneath the coffee table with a large picture of the world on the cover. Angered and annoyed, he began tearing the magazine cover into small pieces. After a few moments of shredding up the magazine cover, the father placed the torn pieces on the magazine. Then, he turned to his boy and said, "Son, once you put this picture of the world back together, we can play catch, but don't interrupt me again until you're done!"

Apprehensively, the boy took the magazine, and sulking, went into his room, saying, "Okay, Daddy, I won't."

A few moments later the boy returned and said, "I'm done, Daddy! Can we play catch now?"

Stunned, the father glanced toward his child, and there in his small hands laid the magazine with the world pieced perfectly together.

Amazed, he asked him how he put the world together so quickly.

"It was simple," said the boy. "On the back of the world was a picture of a person, and once I put the person together, that's when the world came together."



- How do you try to fix the world before fixing yourself?
- Do believe the world has given you a lousy hand to play?
- Do you believe that if you had more money, or a better car, or a better job that you would have no problems?
- When was the last time you turned inward to take a look at yourself?

—Prayerful wishes, Fr. Joseph



### February 2022 Weekly Offertory

Date	Needed	Offering
February 6, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$5,112.00
February 13, 2022	\$4,400.00	\$3,427.00
February 20, 2022	\$4,400.00	
February 27, 2022	\$4,400.00	

### Monthly Rosary Schedule

- 1st Sunday: Pro Life
- 2nd Sunday: Eucharistic Ministers
- 3rd Sunday: Knights of Columbus
- 4th Sunday: Lectors
- 5th Sunday: Ushers



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754

February 20, 2022 † 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday • Tuesday • Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	12:00 p.m.

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### Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & CENACLE GROUP:** Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ **1ST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer with the Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction after Mass.
- ♦ **REMAINING FRIDAYS:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with the Rosary and Benediction after Mass.



### Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on 2nd Saturdays of the month in English and on 4th Saturdays in Spanish. Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

### Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

### MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

**Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved**

Monday	02/21/2022	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Dalton (L)	James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	02/22/2022	8:00 a.m.	Zena (L)	1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19 [F]
Wednesday	02/23/2022	12:00 p.m.	Rita Larson (D)	James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 [M]
Thursday	02/24/2022	8:00 a.m.	Fritz Smit (D)	James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50
Friday	02/25/2022	12:00 p.m.	Tina Hill (L)	James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12
Saturday	02/26/2022	5:00 p.m.	Chelsea Kurtz (L)	Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45
Sunday	02/27/2022	9:00 a.m.	Deborah Mengle (L)	Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45
Sunday	02/27/2022	12:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Parish Family (L)	Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

[F] = Feast Day ♦ [M] = Memorial ♦ [S] = Solemnity ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

## Today's Homily

AN OLD WOMAN in the village was said to be receiving divine apparitions. The local priest demanded proof of their authenticity. "When God next appears to you," he said, "ask Him to tell you my sins which are known to Him alone. That should be evidence enough." The woman returned a month later, and the priest asked if God had appeared to her again. She said that He had.

"Did you put the question to him?"

"I did."

"And what did He say?"

"He said: 'Tell your priest that I have forgotten his sins.'"

God forgives and forgets our sins, because He is love (1 John 4:8). He does not ruminate the evil that we have committed. He rejoices in our transformation and heals us through His Spirit (Jeremiah 31:34). He does not take revenge. He transforms us and by transforming us, He loves us with His infinite love. God is our loving Father. He is pouring His love upon us, though we are sinners and unfaithful. He trusts our goodness. He sends His rain upon good and bad, and provides His gifts to all His children. Like a good shepherd, He leaves 99 faithful sheep and goes in search of one that is lost. He is ever willing to forgive. Jesus has revealed His forgiving love throughout His life and particularly in His suffering, death and resurrection. Even when dying on the cross, Jesus prayed: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing."

Jesus not only sets us an example of forgiving love, but He also TAUGHT US to forgive 77 times. We must forgive because our heavenly Father forgives. If we want to experience God's mercy, we have to get rid of revenge, bitterness and hatred. Jesus Himself faced misunderstanding, rejection, betrayal, ingratitude, deceit from those whom He loved, served and healed. Yet He sets us an example by His willingness to love and forgive repeatedly.

We also face this situation of suffering because of the shortcomings and limitations of those who surround us. But, we have no other way than to be

**Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.** Luke 6:37



like our heavenly Father, whose children we are.

In the Eucharist, we celebrate the love of Jesus, who calls us to forgive, to heal, to reinstate again as our friends. Jesus respects our freedom. Like the father of the lost son, He is watching and waiting for us, His children, to come home, to love again. We can love again to the point

of loving our enemies, because He gives us a transfusion of His own life and love. He waits for us till we open the doors of our hearts. When we open our hearts to our Savior, we receive new life, we become "new man," "new creation."

We find it hard to love, to forgive, and to trust those who have hurt us and let us down. Our society is divided on the grounds of class, language, religion, gender, and race. Husbands and wives go through traumatic experiences when they hurt each other. Parents find it so difficult to correct their own children, because today nobody accepts correction easily—without self-defense. Teachers cannot cope with their students who find them fallible. Employers cannot tolerate one another's imperfections. Priests and religious brothers and sisters find it so difficult to live with one another.

We may try to adopt the "holier-than-thou" attitude and to criticize, to moralize, to condemn, and to point out faults with a self-righteous attitude.

We may try to grab power in every encounter with our neighbor and show our superiority. We may hurt our brothers and sisters with harsh words. We may try to build up walls instead of bridges.

This is not what our heavenly Father wants from us. This is not the way to be Christ-like. This attitude only hampers our development and progress. The love of Jesus demands that we accept and respect the "other" as he or she is, if we are to spread God's Kingdom and its values.

Let us remind ourselves that we are channels of God's love. Let us open ourselves more and more to God's life-giving love. Let us resolve to love even when we feel unloved, sidetracked, let down. Let us decide to forgive them from our hearts . . .

## February—The Month of the Holy Family



Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; **Presidents' Day 2022** will occur on **Monday, February 21st**.

Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of the 1971 Uniform Monday Holiday Act—an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

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### Bingo



Please remember to come to Bingo on Fridays of every week!

The doors open **this Friday, February 25th, at 1 p.m.**, and **Bingo will begin at 1:30 p.m.**

Last week, **Mark Lucky** was a big winner, and he said he had a great time. You, too, can be a winner, but only if you come for the fun.

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### St. Vincent de Paul

Thanks to all who volunteer their time at St. Vincent de Paul. We are always needing more helpers. If you have some spare time and want to volunteer, please call (541) 447-7662. So far this month we have assisted with Rent twice, a Water Bill, and a Power Bill. And we deliver and hand out food baskets.

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### Inspiring Quote

"Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember: pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus—a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you."

—*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



### Lent - Schedule 2022

**Ash Wednesday, March 2nd**—Mass Times: 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday night, beginning on **March 4th to April 8th, at 6 p.m.**

**Lenten Penance:** **Tuesday, March 29th, at 6 p.m.**

**Christ Mass:** **Baker City, Thursday, April 7th, 11 a.m.**

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### When Does Lent begin?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Since that is more than 40 days, some contend that Sundays are not counted. Instead, they argue, Holy Thursdays, Good Fridays, and Holy Saturdays are counted instead.

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### Lenten Regulations

**Abstinence:** Meat and poultry are removed from our meals, but fish is acceptable.

**Fasting:** Eat one (1) full meal and two (2) smaller meals, and no snacking during the day

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

All Catholics 14 years and older are to abstain from meat and poultry on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

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### Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

- ◆ Deacon Caleb Cunningham
- ◆ Sandi Shriver
- ◆ Frederick Smit
- ◆ David Leonard
- ◆ Linda Arian
- ◆ Anita Marquez
- ◆ Steve Forrester
- ◆ Mike Mulvihill
- ◆ Ben Guyger
- ◆ Grace Grinnell

